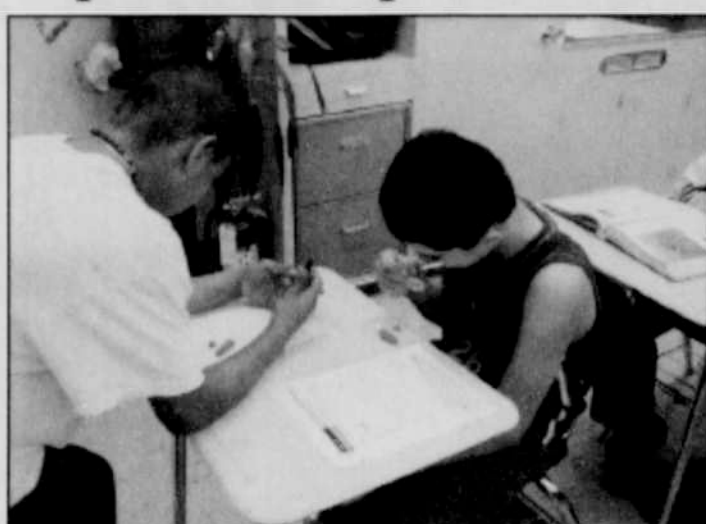


## Ione Middle School students perform experiments



Jeremy Coleman, Micah Stillman, Kaleb Dumler, Luke Emmel and Jordan Peterson evaluate the time lapsed before freshwater is removed during the lab.



Seventh graders Jose Mejorada and Jose Ruiz work together to examine the xylem, cortex and phloem of a carrot in Life Science in Ione.



Sixth grader, Zane King, looks for the epidermis during a lab experiment in science at Ione Community School.



Eighth grade students experiment with freshwater extraction from salt water during an oceanography unit.

## Registration begins for BMCC's winter term

Registration for Blue Mountain Community College's Winter Term is now underway. Students interested in pursuing studies may register online at [www.bluecc.edu](http://www.bluecc.edu) using the Online Interactive Schedule and the Student Wolfweb. Winter Term classes begin January 7 and registration may be done right up until that time.

Students pursuing a degree are now required to speak with an advisor prior to registering. For students in the Heppner, Ione and Lexington area, BMCC Coordinator, Anne Morter is available for advising and academic counseling. Please call 422-7040 to make an appointment.

Anyone interested in starting to school or resuming their education after a break are also encouraged to make an appointment. There are a number of steps to take and many options to be discussed. Appointments can be scheduled in Heppner, Lexington or Ione at a convenient time for the prospective student.

Federal Financial Aid forms for the 2008-2009 academic year are now available. A supply may be found at the Heppner branch of the Oregon Trail Library and also at the Ione Public Library. If unable to find a form, please contact Anne Morter at 422-7040 for a copy. Students and prospective students are encouraged to apply for Financial Aid on the Internet using the "FAFSA On The Web" form. This form helps the applicant gather the correct information in the correct order for simplified data entry on the Internet.

## Heppner FFA news



Pictured left to right are Dillon Lutchter, Kendra Rayburn, Kelsie Fox, and Josie Miller.

Recently 18 teams from all over the state joined at Hermiston High School for the State FFA AG Sales competition.

The Heppner FFA Chapter competed at the state level with the advanced AG Sales team. This team consisted of Josie Miller, Kelsie Fox, Kendra Rayburn, and Dillon Lutchter. Each member was required to sell an agriculture-related product of their choice, choose a practicum area, take a 50 question test, and participate in a team activity.

In the practicum areas, three team members placed in the Top 10 of the state. Josie Miller placed ninth in state for prospecting, Kelsie Fox placed third in state for advertising, and Kendra Rayburn placed second in state for telephone skills.

Congratulations to all members that competed in this contest.

## Oregon East Symphony to hold Young Artist Competition

The Oregon East Symphony is pleased to announce its 2008 Young Artist Competition, which takes place every second year in Pendleton, will be held February 3, 2008 from 1-5 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium.

The competition gives our region's young musicians the opportunity to prepare and perform for a panel of professional adjudicators. This year's adjudicators include Kenneth Woods, Conductor and Music Director of the Oregon East Symphony; Susan Pickett, the Catherine Could Chism Professor of Music at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA; David Stabler, classical music critic for the Oregonian; and Reid Kajikawa, principal bassoon player and Board Member of the Oregon East Symphony.

"We are really excited to have such an accomplished group of adjudicators coming for this event," said Christina van der Kamp, the Symphony's Programs Assistant, "and we're also looking forward to hearing some of the best young talent in the area."

Competition participants will compete in one of three divisions: Intermediate Division (through grade 8); Senior Division (Grades 9-12); and Young Adult Division (through age 25). Prizes will be awarded in each division as follows: Intermediate Division: \$75, Senior Division: \$125, Young Adult Division: \$150. In addition to the competition prizes, selected participants may be invited to perform with the Oregon East Symphony or A-Sharp Players Orchestra during the 2008-2009 Concert Season.

The general public is also welcome to attend this event.

More information about the Oregon East Symphony and the Young Artist Competition can be found online at [www.oregoneast-symphony.org](http://www.oregoneast-symphony.org), by emailing [programs@oregoneast-symphony.org](mailto:programs@oregoneast-symphony.org), or by calling (541) 276-0320.

## Electric Co-Op offers winter outage safety tips

With colder weather and winter storms on the horizon, Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op is prepared to care for its network of high-voltage transmission and distribution lines. Should an outage occur on its system, CBEC's goal is to repair the line and return it to service as safely and quickly as possible. Even if CBEC lines are in service, certain utility customers may experience outages because of problems with transmission power lines operated by BPA, which ultimately serve CBEC.

Here are tips for consumers if a storm knocks out power:

-Keep an emergency

kit ready. Include flashlights, a battery-powered radio, extra fuses, a wind-up clock, canned foods that require no cooking, a manual can opener, and fresh batteries.

-Report power outages to your utility. Report an outage even if neighbors have already called to report it: You may be served on a different circuit from your neighbors and the utility may not be aware of the problem on your line.

-Assume all fallen electrical wires are "live" and stay clear! Contact your local utility immediately and report the location of the downed lines. If a wire falls on your car, don't try to get out until help arrives. Stay in

your vehicle and ask a passerby to call the local utility. The car may be energized and it could be fatal to touch the ground and the car at the same time.

-Be careful around trees during wind and ice storm events. Tree limbs become heavier during a storm from water and can sag onto power lines. Anything touching a power line can be energized and dangerous.

-Important: Never

assume a power line is not energized! Always call the utility to report any outages or downed power lines. Icing conditions can cause power lines to sag onto tree branches and wire fencing, creating a potentially fatal contact issue.

Columbia Basin's crews are well-trained to rebuild downed power lines and to safely restore outages. Leave the dangerous work to them.

## Local Elks donate to disabled veterans

Heppner Elks Lodge BPOE #358 member Ed Baker, a veteran himself, recently delivered a car-load of goods to the Veterans Home in The Dalles for our nation's disabled veterans living there.

"We took shaving gear, baseball caps, and personal hygiene items - just a lot of goodies," Ed said. "Many of the 138 veterans living there are on Medicaid and can't afford much themselves," he continued. "We appreciate John Murray of Murray Drugs, and Bert Houweling of Heppner Family Foods for the generous donation of shaving and personal hygiene supplies they donated, in addition to the goods the Lodge purchased locally," he said.

Dick Turrell, Marvin Brannon, and Roger Mortimore head-up the Elks Deer and Elk Hide Collection committee. "We collect, sort, salt, store, and then sell the hides to raise funds to purchase the goods for our veterans," Brannon said. "Ed Baker contacts the Veteran's home and gets an idea of just what the disabled men and women there need," he continued.

The Heppner Lodge also provides lap robes for veterans in the Veteran's Hospital in Walla Walla. "Ed's wife, Grace Baker, makes the lap robes for us, with yarns donated or purchased by the Lodge," Brannon continued, "She does a really nice job on the robes". The Elks, as a national organization, devotes millions of dollars each year in support of veterans and veteran organizations. "As long as there are Elks, our veterans will never be forgotten" is the national theme.

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